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Happiness adds and multiplies
As we divide it with others.

Laughter is a tranquilizer
with NO side effects.

FELSON'S LAW: To steal ideas from
one person is plagiarism; to steal
from many is research.

If, in the course of several months,
only three worthwhile social events
take place, they will all fall on
the same night!

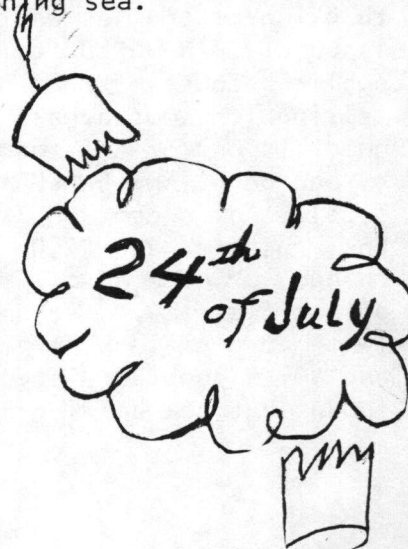
Died: Edith's ability to get the Token
Hunter out to the members BEFORE the meeting!
Hopefully will be resurrected soon.

Sorry, folks, have no valid excuse. Edith

Hot July brings cooling showers,
Holidays, and pretty flowers,
Muddy roads and things like that
To cancel trips and leave us flat!
But don't despair--worry not,
The NEXT trip should hit the spot.
To Winter Quarters we'll go down
And search throughout the old town.
If treasure-trove there really be,
Perhaps ONE token or coin we'll see!!

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain.
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.





ITEMS FOR THE JULY DRAWING - I CAN'T WIN EVERY TIME - MAYBE THIS IS YOUR TURN!

1. Fisher Dairy, Salt Lake City, Aluminum R-3
2. Nat. Loader, Pleasant Grove Berry Check, Brass, R-1
3. Mills Novelty Co., Good for 5¢ in trade, Brass, R-1
4. Haran & Heenan, Park City, Good for 12½¢, Aluminum R-1
5. Eugene Theatre, Hurricane, Utah, Unlisted, Brass R-5, Unlisted

INTERESTING NOTES FROM:

How would it be to have "rainbow" money? The June issue of The Coin Wholesaler indicates we MAY have some pink or blue money before too long and the old, familiar "greenbacks" will take their place in History.

The first change, according to the Coin Wholesaler, will probably NOT be in color but in using a "Universal Seal" in place of the present Federal Reserve Bank Seal. This may happen this year and might be called Series 1981-B. The next change will probably be the color change and possibly be a different color for each denomination. These will also probably have a security thread and use some form of optical device to foil counterfeiters.

The scary thing about this is the very good possibility that the exchange of greenbacks for rainbow money will probably not be on a one to one basis and that the inflation involved would trigger a financial panic.

Are you searching diligently for old coins and ignoring the new 1983 coins, thinking of them as worthless? Better think again! According to the May 23rd issue of COIN WORLD, coin fever is spreading not only to collectors but to the public because of what has been identified as a 1983 Doubled Die reverse cent is selling (in some areas) for \$125 to \$750!! What does one look for? To those with good vision (or a strong magnifying glass!), the letters ONE CENT and UNITED show strong doubling. E PLURIBUS UNUM is noticeably doubled. Prices in early May started at \$125 for a cent in Extremely Fine condition, \$400 for one in choice Brilliant Uncirculated, and \$750 for one graded Mint State 67. Chances of finding one in change, or even a roll of coins from the bank, still exist, the doubled die authorities say. We'd better warn you, however, that the U.S.Mint officials (without ever looking at one) declared that the cent is a probable striking error and NOT a doubled die. Coin experts say that machine doubled 1983 cents HAVE been found but can be distinguished from the cents selling as doubled dies.

(from June 1984 issue The Coin Wholesaler and
from May 23rd 1984 issue Coin World)



FROM OUR PRESIDENT:



Dear NUTS,

A free token from Lagoon Amusement Park in Farmington, Utah will be given to each member who attends the July 26th meeting. These tokens were given to the Club by Dave Freed, our speaker at the June meeting. His talk on tokens and the men who made them was really enjoyable. Thanks, Dave, from all the Club.

This month's meeting will be a bourse night. For those who don't know what that means---everyone brings their traders or collections and you can buy-sell-trade among the members. It's a free-for-all and anything goes. There will be no program but there will be some Club business before the bourse. The August speaker will be Warren Anderson who owns a business in Orem called "Distinctive Documents." He will bring part of his own collection to show us and talk about mining stocks, bonds, and other types of paper collectibles. The September meeting will be a Club picnic--more on that later.

I was sorry to have to call off the trip to Fruitland. Friday, the day before, it looked like rain and the weatherman said heavy rainstorms. I called up to Fruitland and found it had rained there so I called it off only to see it clear up and look good but it was too late to do anything about it. I am very sorry for the people who were packed and then let down. We will try to re-schedule the trip later this summer.

Just to let you know what the Board is doing, the By-laws are still being worked on. As soon as we finalize a draft, we will have the Club members vote on it. The Club's Coin Show is still in the planning stage--not much info to report. The Marketplace ads are doing well. If you want to sell, trade, or buy anything related to the Club, remember buying an ad may help you and will also help support the Club.

At the July meeting, I will have some medals to show that were produced by Randy Martindale who is a doll maker, living in Park City. Three months ago he came into the shop to buy some holders for these medals. He told me of a process of making a mold from hard rubber, pouring molten pewter into it and making an impression. I'd like the Club members to think about having a token or medal made with the Club name on it to promote the NUTS. The approximate cost would be: Small orders (10 - 499) \$50.00 for the mold, plus \$2.00 per coin, in pewter; Large orders (500-1000) \$1.50 per coin with no cost for the mold.

Of course, the above would be the Club cost. If approved, the members would pay slightly more, perhaps 50¢ per coin, to help build up the Club. Mr. Martindale cannot make silver, copper or bronze medals because of the high temperatures it takes to melt and cast these metals. He can, however, plate the medals with silver, copper, or bronze and also can stamp numbers on the sides to limit production. He is a professional and knows not to make any more than the amount numbered as, if he did, his clients wouldn't buy his limited runs.

Members of the Board have discussed this and agreed it should be presented to the general club members. We will talk about it and answer your questions at this meeting. We also plan to take a vote so be thinking about a suitable design saleable outside the Club. The medals will be on the table for you to look at. The price is a good one because Randy is just getting started. I feel this is a great opportunity to promote our great Club.

Your misguided weatherman and President,

Bob Campbell





Bob and Carol Campbell are pleased to announce a change of name for their coin shop: Formerly known as Wally's Coins it now is ALL ABOUT COINS in the same location and with the same phone number and, of course, with the same personal attention Bob has always given to his customers. Best of luck to you both. Hope the change of name signifies a great new year ahead for you!!

Congratulations and best wishes to our newlyweds! Bruce Robinson and the former Lynn Hansen tied the knot on Tuesday, July 3rd, and now are old married folks of almost three weeks!

If that wasn't enough good luck for any man, Bruce found a unlisted token last week! It is a La Vielle Cigar Store token but different from those in the Token Book.

Congratulations and best wishes are due our President and his lovely wife, Bob and Carol Campbell, for another reason. Apparently there will be a new Campbell in January and I know we all wish Carol the best of health for the coming blessed event!

On the other side of the coin, we were sorry to hear that A. J. Carlson has been ill for the last few weeks. Our sympathy and prayers are certainly with her and we will hope to see her back to our meetings and trips as soon as possible. Get Well, A.J.!!

Now for some personal bragging!! I don't often say much about my husband, John Attebury, but since he isn't one to blow his own horn, I'm going to do it for him!! He loves to metal detect and would just about give anything to find a really valuable coin or a truly special rare token. So far, the really special things have evaded him. But his score in metal detecting isn't all that bad. During the last month alone, from June 29th thru July 23rd, he found 277 coins. These coins included 4 silver dimes (1938, 1942, 1945, and 1954) 1 nickel 1936, and 18 wheat pennies ranging from 1909 thru 1956. He also found a Canadian penny and a Japanese coin. I don't think that's too bad for a man who only has an hour or two occasionally to hit the parks and/or the neighbor's yards!

From our friend, George Hosek, 7411 Idledale Lane, Omaha, Nebraska, 68112, comes info about 6 bound copies of the Deseret News. Each one contains 2 months only and the years are 1921, 24, 27, 28, 29, and 33. If anyone is interested in these, please write George as soon as possible. He also has an embossed round quart Ogden, Ut. milk bottle available.



WINTER QUARTERS, UTAH AND THE DISASTER OF 1900.



Utah's history from its earliest days has been influenced by the discovery and production of coal. As early as the summer of 1847, men were sent out from the Salt Lake Valley to search for coal. Discoveries were made in 1849 near Coalville, and in 1854, two Welsh miners discovered coal in SanPete County and even though coal was also found in Summit, Uintah, Grand, Iron, Garfield and Kane counties, it was the discoveries made in Carbon and Emery counties during the 1870's that made coal affordable and plentiful in Utah.

In the 1870's, coal was the fuel of the age. Coal heated homes and businesses. It fired the locomotives of the new transcontinental railroad and powered the machines of the 19th century industry. The men who set out to explore the canyons of Eastern Utah were looking for the wealth that this fossil fuel could bring them.

In 1875, Pleasant Valley (in what is now Carbon county) was still a quiet place where ranchers lived and grazed their cattle, but the veins of coal could not stay hidden for long. By 1877, several small coal mines were operating in the western canyons along Pleasant Valley. One of these canyons was still unnamed in 1877 but the winter would soon change that.

Peter Morgan and a small group of men had begun work on their coal mine early in the spring and by that fall their work had been rewarded as the wagons hauled away the coal to their waiting customers. Morgan and the others had begun the first commercial coal mine in Utah, but as they prepared to leave for their homes, an early winter storm put a stop to their plans. In fact, the storm was so severe that they were trapped at the site for several weeks. When they could finally leave, the ordeal had been so bad they were reminded of the hardships suffered by the Mormon pioneers 30 years earlier. From that day on, the mine and the canyon were called WINTER QUARTERS.

The camp at Winter Quarters was small at first and the amount of coal shipped was also small. The mine owners around Pleasant Valley could not ship the coal out fast enough and supplies could not reach them in the winter. The only way to develop the area was to ship the coal by rail. When the Utah & Pleasant Valley railroad was completed in 1879, it brought prosperity to Winter Quarters and the town began to grow. Soon houses and business establishments appeared and Winter Quarters took on the look of a boom town. By 1900, Winter Quarters was a town of about 1500. The mine and the railroad had been purchased by the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad in 1882 and the town had seen nothing but good times since. Wages at the mine were good for the times and were paid on production. The miners were paid 43¢ per ton of coal. Each man had to provide his own tools, powder, lights and each man had to load and unload his coal car. The tally was kept by a company man at the mine entrance, but if a man worked hard he could move ten tons of coal in one shift and bring home \$4.30 per day.

May 1, 1900 began like most other days for the miners at Winter Quarters. They had begun at seven that morning and the men and boys had set about their work. No one knows just what happened that day. Perhaps a spark from a miner's pick set off the explosive gas. Maybe the gas was ignited by a dynamite charge, but at 10:28 A.M., an explosion of enormous heat and force killed 100 men in an instant

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and few of those who escaped the blast survived the poisonous afterdamp which spread through the mine. Within minutes of the blast, rescue crews entered the mine but because of the lack of oxygen, they quickly retreated or were carried out unconscious. As the gas cleared, they returned and began their grisly task.



The mine owners had kept no records of who was in the mine and many of the bodies were so badly burned that they were almost unrecognizable. On May 2nd, miners from Clear Creek, Castle Gate, and Sunnyside arrived and by May 6th most of the bodies had been recovered. When the official count was released by the Company, the number of dead was listed at 200. But the miners who had counted the bodies at the mine entrance counted 246 and the Finnish miners claimed that 15 of their countrymen were never recovered. Perhaps the true number will never be known--only one thing was sure. The "accident" had left 107 widows, 268 fatherless children and untold grief and sorrow.

Even with the great loss of life, however, some did survive. John Wilson, who had been unloading at the main entrance, was thrown 820 feet away by the explosion and, although he sustained serious injuries, he later recovered. James Naylor had been thrown 200 feet by the blast but was uninjured and even aided in the first rescue attempts. Thomas Pugh, a 15 year old lad, had covered his nose and mouth with his hat and ran 1½ miles to an entrance without a light!

Of all the stories to come out of Winter Quarters, perhaps the strangest is about the ghost that some say still haunts the tunnels of the Winter Quarters mine. When the mine reopened on May 28, the men who returned went on with their work as they had done previously. As the weeks went by, more and more of the men reported hearing strange noises in the mine. Some heard the sound of picks coming from behind solid walls. Others said they heard the groans of injured men in dark and empty corners of the mine. Before long some of the more superstitious men began to talk about the mine being haunted by the ghosts of the dead miners. Then almost as quickly as they started, the noises stopped--until one day one of the men came running out of the mine. The shift boss could see the man was pale and shaken. Quickly he grabbed the man by the arm and brought him to a halt. The man was babbling at first and the boss thought there had been a cave in. "Come on," said the boss, "we gotta go back in the mine." No sooner had the boss turned to enter the mine when the miner regained his senses and yelled "I ain't never goin' back in there, the devil himself is in that mine, I saw him!" By now a crowd had gathered and the miner began to tell his story. "I was working down there away from the main tunnel," he said. "The others had filled their cars and went off to unload, so I was left alone to fill my car. I'd been workin' away fer sometime when I heerd someone walkin' up behind me. I set down my shovel and turned to see who was comin'. At first I thought it was Sandy McGovern, one of the boys from over in the main tunnel. Sandy, I said, what are ya doin' over here? But he didn't answer. I started to walk towards him when I noticed he wasn't carryin' a light and I couldn't see his face. How'd ya get over here without no light?, I said. But he still didn't answer. By now, I was mad and I told him, if ya won't answer at least come out of the shadows so's I can see ya. So he started walkin' towards me and when he stopped in front a me I could tell why he hadn't answered, cause the man standing there didn't have no head! That's why I come a runnin' out and that's why I ain't never goin' in again!" Most of the men just laughed and soon they were back at their work and talking about the crazy man who'd



quit his job today. As the months and years passed, many others claimed to have seen the headless Sandy McGovern. When the mine closed in the 1920's the miners claimed that over 100 men had left the country for good when they met up with Sandy McGovern down in the mine.

On August 4th and 5th, we will be visiting the Scofield area and Winter Quarters. If you would like to travel in convoy, please meet us at the Redwood Multipurpose Center. We will be leaving at 8:00 a.m. We are going to be camping at the Scofield Reservoir at the camp grounds.

To get to Scofield, head east on Hiway 6-50. About 6 miles southeast of Soldier Summit, State hiway 96 turns south to Scofield. Twelve (12) miles of travel will take you to the Scofield Recreation area. Eight (8) more miles and you will be in the town of Scofield. From Scofield, turn west 1/2 mile on a poor dirt road until you get to a barbed wire fence. The site of Winter Quarters lies 1/2 mile beyond the fence.

If you like to metal detect, camp, fish, swim or boat, join us in the campground at Scofield.

George Wilson,
Wagonmaster

PLEASE NOTE:

It really isn't worthwhile to the Club nor to the members to have items put up for auction that are worth less than \$1.00. It takes just as long (sometimes longer) to try to get bids on items that eventually go for 50¢ or so. So please remember, each item you bring to auction should have a value of at least \$1.00.

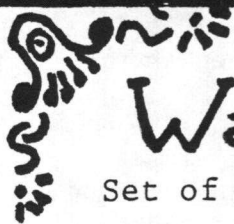
Now, just as a reminder, items which are auctioned off at any value are supposed to bring a small amount into the Club treasury in addition to satisfying a member's urge to buy or sell. On most items, the seller must pay 10% of the final auction price to the Club. In other words, if your item goes for \$10.00, you get \$9.00 and the Club gets \$1.00. If, however, you want to put a minimum protection reserve bid on the item and it does not sell for a higher amount, you take your item home, but you still pay the Club a 5% amount. For example, if you put a \$10.00 minimum reserve bid on the item and it doesn't sell, you pay the Club 50¢.

I understand the Silver City-Eureka trip was pretty good to George & Theresa Wilson and also to Dave Kyte and his wife! Seems like Theresa found a gold ring with a diamond (!); and Dave found a Louisville Liquor Token and a Barber dime!! That's too much of a good thing!



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One or more of these box areas may be purchased for the Buy-Sell-Trade by Members or Non-Members. Cost is \$4.00 per box for 2 months. Send Ad and check by 10th of the month to 6143 Rainy Lane, Murray, Ut. 84107



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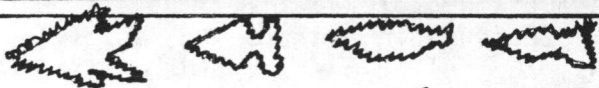
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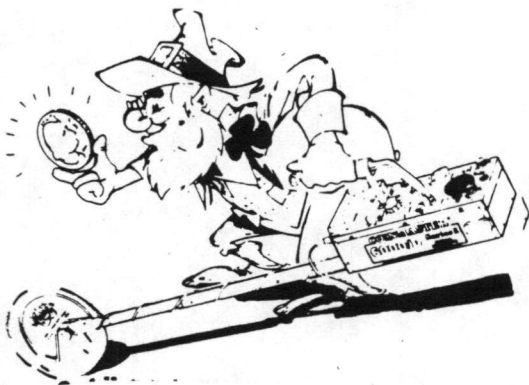




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